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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.97,

Applicants submit a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, including one (1) page of Form PTO-1449, and a copy of one (1) document cited therein.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) before a first Office Action on the merits following a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). It is believed that no fee is required with this submission. However, should a fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees to Deposit Account No. 50-3129.

Publication

BIEDERMANN, et al., "Fermentation studies of the secretion of *Serratia marcescens* nuclease by *Escherichia coli*", *Appl. Environ. Microbiol.*, 56(6):1833-8 (1990).

Remarks

This statement should not be interpreted as a representation that an exhaustive search has been conducted or that no better art exists. Moreover, Applicants invite the Examiner to make an independent evaluation of the cited art to determine its relevance to the subject matter of the present application. Applicants are of the opinion that their claims patentably distinguish over the art referred to herein, either alone or in combination.

Respectfully submitted,

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